COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

BUDGET SESSION OF 1102.

Tuesday, the $\frac{\textit{17th of Karkadagam 1102.}}{\textit{2nd of August 1927.}}$

The eighth meeting of the budget session commenced at 11-30 a. m. in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, the President being in the Chair. All the Members except Messrs. Lonappan Chakkola, K. Krishna Menon, Poulo Mampilli, P. Munda Vaidyan, J. T. Murray and K. Sankaran Nambudiri were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Sirkar elephants.

116. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the total income and expenditure under Sirkar elephants for the last 15 years grouped in three quinquennia, 1087 to 1091—1092 to 1096, and 1097 to 1101 ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.

Year	*Receipts.*	*Expenditure.*
1087 to 1091.	22,865	42,025.
1092 to 1096.	50,700	49,080.
1097 to 1101.	32,570	76,905.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the items of expenditure, is the T. A. of the officers also included ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Whose T. A., please ?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The T. A. of all the officers who went for inspecting the elephant-capturing operations.

President.—Wherever the officers, by virtue of the duties entrusted to them, are entitled to travelling allowance, they are allowed the same, independent of the works for which they have gone on inspection.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What I want to know is, if this is included in the items of expenditure.

President.—No; travelling allowance will come under a separate head.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is any supervision charge of officers included in this?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes, it is included.

Rose-wood.

117. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what quantity of rose-wood is available in the forests now for sale;

(b) whether any one has applied for the same;

(c) if so, who all have applied;

(d) whether any application has been accepted; if so, the terms on which it has been accepted;

(e) how many of these applicants are Cochinites;

(f) if non-Cochinites have been preferred, will the reasons for the same be kindly given;

(g) whether any tender has been invited; if not, why not?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.

(a) Four hundred and thirty-seven candies.

(b) Yes.

(c) Messrs. Nathan Brothers, Messrs. T. Namberumal Chetti & Sons, Mr. C. P. Louis, Messrs. Mugaseth & Sons.

(d) None.

(e) Government have no information.

(f) Please see replies to sub-divisions (d) and (e).

(g) An auction has been notified.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—For sub-division (e) the answer given is "Government have no information." I am asking whether they made the necessary inquiries. How many of these applicants are Cochinites?

President.—Government have no information. Some may be Cochinites; some may not be. Government did not consider it necessary to make such enquiries.

Teak wood.

118. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) what is the market price for teak in the year 1102 on the average;

(b) at what price has Cochin Forest teak been supplied;

(c) persons to whom teak has been supplied;

(d) the price at which teak has been supplied to the different parties;

(e) whether tenders were invited; if not, why not?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) No average market price can be quoted. The price depends upon the quality and size of the log.

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